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Dear Fellow Educators,

Indiana has again been invited by the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education to participate in the Holiday Cards for Our Military Challenge. As the mother of a West Point graduate, I have a special place in my heart for those serving our country. Many of you have family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers who are serving, or have served. This is a unique opportunity for Hoosiers to show support for our deployed military.

This is a school year like no other, and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the card project organizers understand participating this year may be limited or not even possible.

Last year, 95 Indiana districts, schools, and organizations joined IDOE in sending cards to our troops. We are excited to show our appreciation to our military again this year.

The <u>card guidelines</u> are simple to follow, and open to anyone who wants to participate. All cards must be mailed to the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge collection point in New Hampshire no later than October 26.

If your school or district is participating, please contact IDOE Senior Communications Specialist John Althardt with your plans, along with any photos you have of holiday messages being created.

Information about the history of the project and its founder is available <u>here</u>. Thank you for participating in this wonderful outreach effort.

Sincerely,

Jennifer McCormick
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Indiana Department of Education